

THAW IS TRYING TO DECIDE WHICH COURSE TO TAKE

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LAWYERS LEAVE IT ENTIRELY TO HIM

He Must Choose Between Dropping Legal Fight and Accepting Deportation to Vermont, and Pleading Not Guilty to Present Charge and Awaiting Hearing in October.

Thaw Will Be Taken Across Vermont Border

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Ottawa, Ont., August 23.—Harry K. Thaw will be deported from Canada Wednesday afternoon or Thursday, according to information secured from an official of the Dominion Immigration Department to-night. He will be taken across the border into the State of Ver-

"Instructions to such effect already have been sent to the immigration agents at Sherbrooke," said the official. "They are David Reynolds and T. B. Whillan. They are not to be discriminated against. He is to be treated just as hundreds of undesirables in the past have been handled by the immigration au-

"There will be no ceremony attached to his deportation. He will be taken back over the border and into Vermont by the railroad that brought him into Canada.

"The law provides that the railroad shall transport him. It has done so in other cases.

done so in other cases, and the authorities here see no reason to make an exception in the case of Thaw. He can pay the railroad fare if he wants to, but he doesn't have to.

"The New York authorities have ceased asking Canada for Thaw. They apparently understand that he will be sent into Vermont, and the

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Sherbrooke, Quebec, August 23.—
Striding up and down in the hospital
ward of the Sherbrooke jail to-night
Harry K. Thaw tried to decide which
of the two possible paths he should

of two propositions made to him by Canadian officials he should accept. They were:

1. To drop the legal fight here and submit to deportation to Vernon without any court hearing.
2. To plead not guilty on the charge on which he was arrested, and to be held for hearing, which could not take place before the October term of

Occasionally, the prisoner would stop his exercise long enough to scribble a note to one of his squad of lawyers and have it dispatched with ail haste. The lawyers had left the decision completely to their client. He had taken full charge of the case, and had issued so many conflicting orders that they decided he would have to reach

Thaw said to a newspaper man whom he received at the jail that he found it hard to decide which course of action he would follow. He had been disturbed over a dispatch from Burlington, Vt., quoting Attorney-General R. E. Brown, of Vermont, as saying that he had no doubt that the Mattewan fugitive could be ex-

Then a second later, the prisoner smiling, exclaimed:

"Matteawan will never see me again. Perhaps it will be better for Matteawan. For the first time in my life I have a group of lawyers in whom I have absolute confidence."

He intimated that he would not make any decision on his fate.

make any decision as to his future course before Sunday afternoon. Sabbath services will be held in the prisoner's room to-morrow. Thaw had wanted to go to church, but the authorities feared that an attempt might be made to "kidnap" him if he left the jail. They are taking no chances.

Favors Vermont Proposal.
It is believed that Thaw will accept

the proposal that he be deported to Vermont, and there left to fight with the officials of that State and of New York for his liberty. He has intimated to a friend of the Thaw family now in Sherbrooke that he favored that proposal more than the other, but he wants to be sure of his ground before he actually accepts either.

action taken by the Canadian authorities will amount to his "ejection" from the Dominion. The habeas corpus proceedings before Justice Arthur Globensky will be dropped, and the department will immediately order his deportation to Newport, Vt.

According to the very highest legal authorities, Thaw might wage his fight in the Dominion for several years before his last resource was exhausted, and the Canadian officials want to prevent this if possible.

One element of danger to Thaw was removed to-day when Roger Thompson, who aided his escape and is now a prisoner in the same jail, withdrew

his previous threats and said that he would not reveal anything of the plans leading up to the escape from Matteawan. If all the details of the flight were known, it might complicate matters for Thaw and give the New York authorities basis for demanding his extradition on the ground of bribery.

Thompson said that everything "has been fixed up."

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